



Dare To Repair: How To Create a Guide

Learn how to create a guide on iFixit.com

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A screenshot of the iFixit website. At the top right, there is a red-bordered box containing 'Join' and 'Log In' buttons. The main content area shows a person's hands working on the back of an iPhone 6, which is partially disassembled. The iFixit logo is in the top left corner. Below the logo, a tagline reads 'The free repair guide for everything, written by everyone.' A search bar at the bottom left contains the placeholder 'What would you like to fix today?' with a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom right, a link says 'iPhone 6 Battery Replacement >'. A black navigation bar at the bottom has links for 'Repair Guides', 'Answers Forum', 'Parts & Tools Store', 'Teardowns', and 'Translate'.



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Fix Kits starting at **\$16.99**

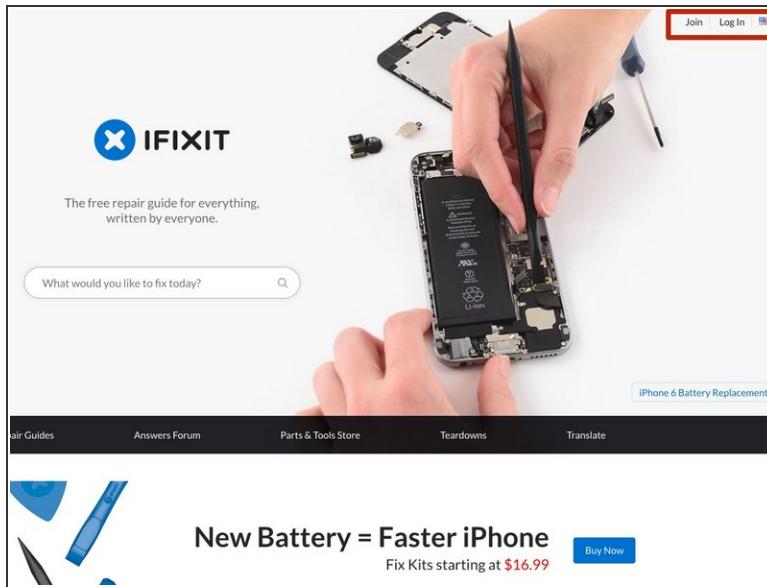
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INTRODUCTION

This guide will walk you through how to create a repair guide on iFixit.com for the Dare to Repair Contest.

For more information about the contest, including rules, submission guidelines, and prizes, refer to our Dare to Repair contest announcement ["here"](#). As a reminder, your submissions are due on **Monday, May 14**.

Step 1 — Dare To Repair: How To Create a Guide



Create Account

Name: Albert Einstein

Unique Username: @albert

Email: albert@domain.com

Password: (redacted)

Or use one of these networks:

G+ Sign in with Google

f Sign in with Facebook

Y Sign in with Yahoo!

Create My Account

Been here before? [Log In](#)

- First things first—you'll need to create an account. Go to [iFixit.com](#), then click **Join** on the top-right corner of the homepage. Next, fill in the boxes with your information and click that big blue **Create My Account** button to finish.
- So far, so good! Now that you have an account, you're ready to start creating content on the site.

Step 2 — Guide Photos

← iFixit How-To Edit Full Screen Options

How to Take Awesome Smartphone Photos

Written By: Kristen Gismondi Comments: 0 Favorites: 0 Completions: 4



Difficulty: Moderate Steps: 9 Time Required: Suggest a time Sections: 1 Flags: 0

Introduction
There is much more to smartphone photography than just pressing a button, so be sure to check out these helpful tips when you don't have a point-and-shoot or DSLR on hand. For more pointers on guide photography, check out our [How to Take Awesome Photos](#) guide.
The smartphone used in this guide is an iPhone 6s. [Here](#) are some tips on shooting with Android smartphone cameras. The settings on your phone may vary.

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- Behind every great repair guide, there are quality photos. Don't worry—you don't need a professional camera to take good photos. We put together a few guides with some photography tips and tricks to help get you started:
 - [How to Take Awesome Photos](#)
 - [How to Take Awesome Photos with Your Smartphone](#)
- Now that you're primed to be the next Ansel Adams, you can start documenting your repair process. Take a photo for every step of your repair process. We'll show you how and where to upload them in a bit.

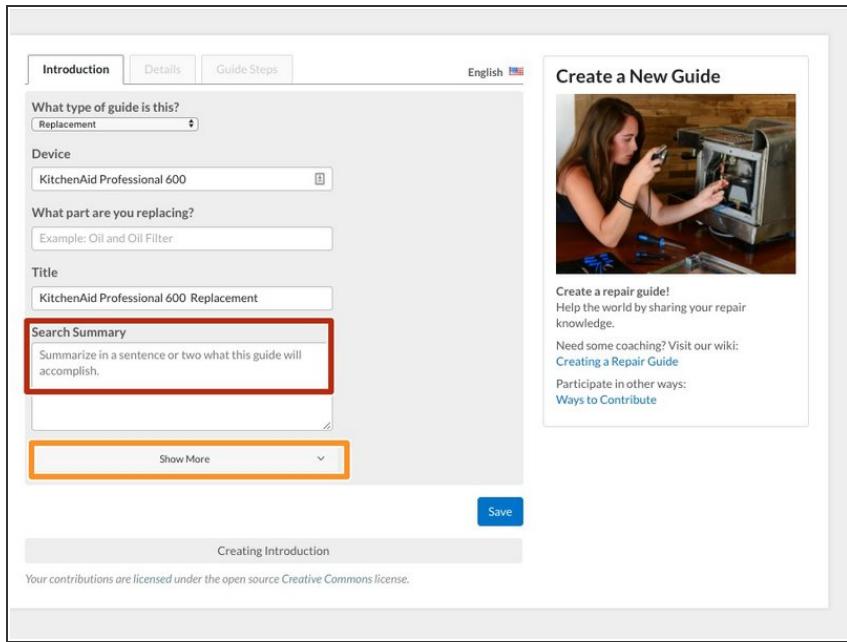
Step 3

- Your beautiful pictures need a guide to live in! Before you getcha' guide on, check to see if your device already exists on the iFixit site by searching for your device on the [iFixit homepage](#).
 - If your device exists, click **Create a Guide** located to the right of the device photo.
- Didn't find your device? No problem. Just click **Create a Guide** from the [Guide Homepage](#).

Step 4

- Now, select what type of guide you will be writing.
 - For the Dare to Repair contest, select **Replacement**.
- Then, fill out the section **“What part are you replacing ?”**

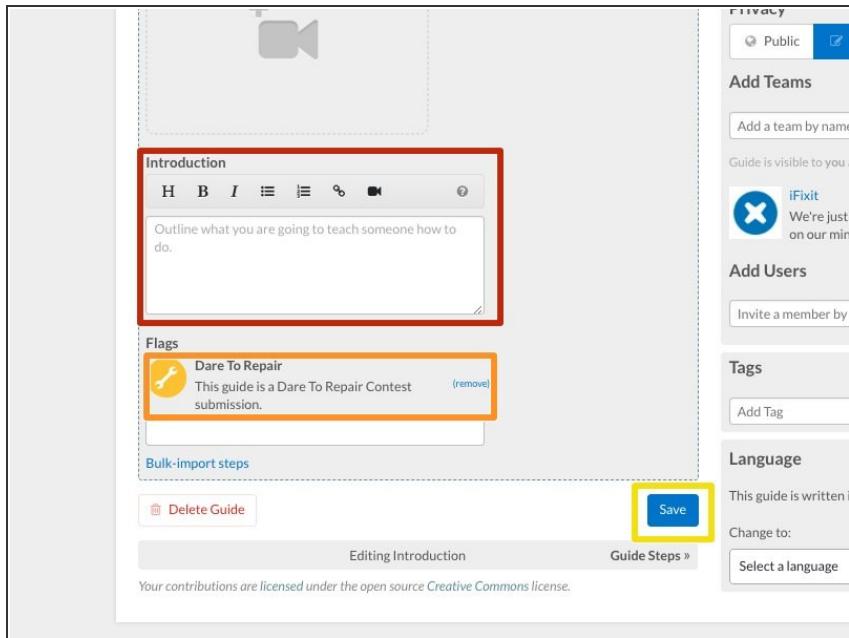
Step 5



The screenshot shows the 'Create a New Guide' interface. The 'Introduction' tab is selected. The 'Search Summary' field contains the text: 'Summarize in a sentence or two what this guide will accomplish.' Below this field is a 'Show More' button with a dropdown arrow. The 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the form. The right side of the interface features a 'Create a New Guide' section with a photo of a person working on a device, and links for 'Creating a repair guide!', 'Creating a Repair Guide', and 'Ways to Contribute'.

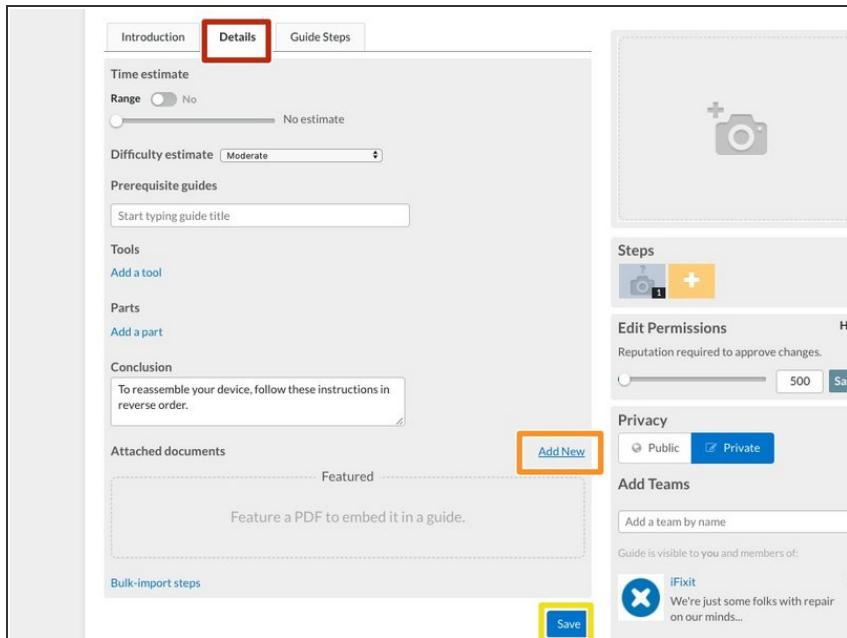
- Next up, fill out the **Search Summary**. Fun fact—this summary isn't visible on our site, but it tells search engines how to find your guide. So make sure it includes the name of the device and describes what your guide accomplishes in one sentence. The better the summary, the more likely you'll be discovered and become repair-famous.
- Click **Show More** to get started on your **Guide Introduction**.

Step 6



- Your **Introduction** should outline what your guide covers, and why someone would need it. Introductions appear at the top of the guide.
- We'd also like you to include a brief explanation that tells us why you chose to model your replacement part.
- Under **Flags**, select **Dare to Repair** from the drop down list.
⚠ This is very important! We won't be able to find your submission without this flag. Which means we won't be able to give you \$\$ if we can't find your guide.
- Save your work by clicking that big blue **Save** button on the bottom right of your screen.

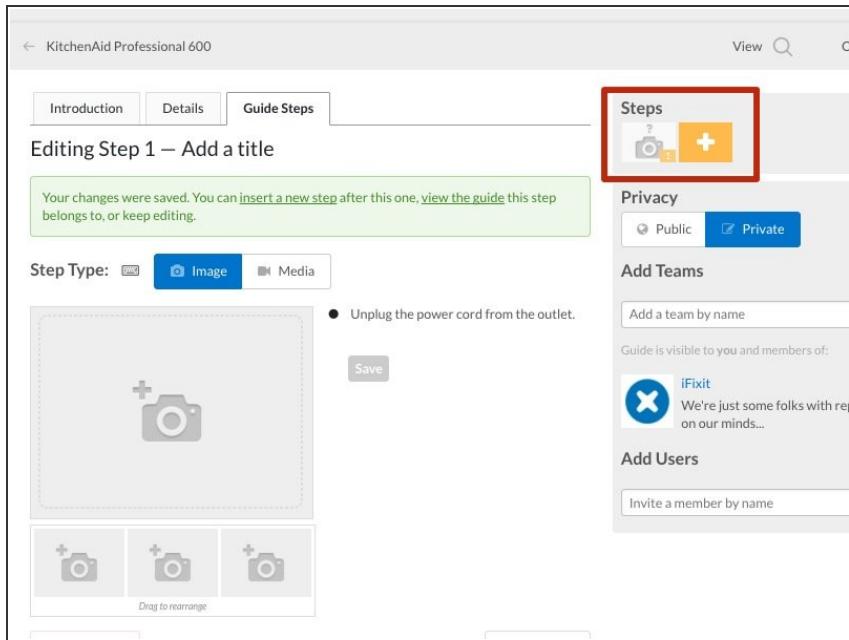
Step 7 — Upload your model



The screenshot shows the 'Details' tab selected in a guide creation interface. The left sidebar includes sections for Introduction, Details (selected), Guide Steps, Time estimate, Difficulty estimate, Prerequisite guides, Tools, Parts, Conclusion, Attached documents, and Bulk-import steps. The 'Attached documents' section features an 'Add New' button highlighted with an orange box. The right sidebar includes sections for Steps, Edit Permissions, Privacy (set to Private), Add Teams, and a note from iFixit. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the main content area.

- At the top of your screen, you'll see three tabs. Click the **Details** tab to add information about your modeling procedure. Then upload the raw files. Here's a list of the file types we accept:
 - (.3ds) (.amf) (.blend) (.c4d) (.dwg) (.fbx) (.ma) (.obj) (.stl)
- Click **Add New** to attach any documents you want us to see.
- Hit **Save**.

Step 8



← KitchenAid Professional 600

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Introduction Details Guide Steps

Editing Step 1 – Add a title

Your changes were saved. You can [insert a new step](#) after this one, [view the guide](#) this step belongs to, or [keep editing](#).

Step Type: Image Media

● Unplug the power cord from the outlet. Save

Steps  Privacy Private

Add Teams Add a team by name

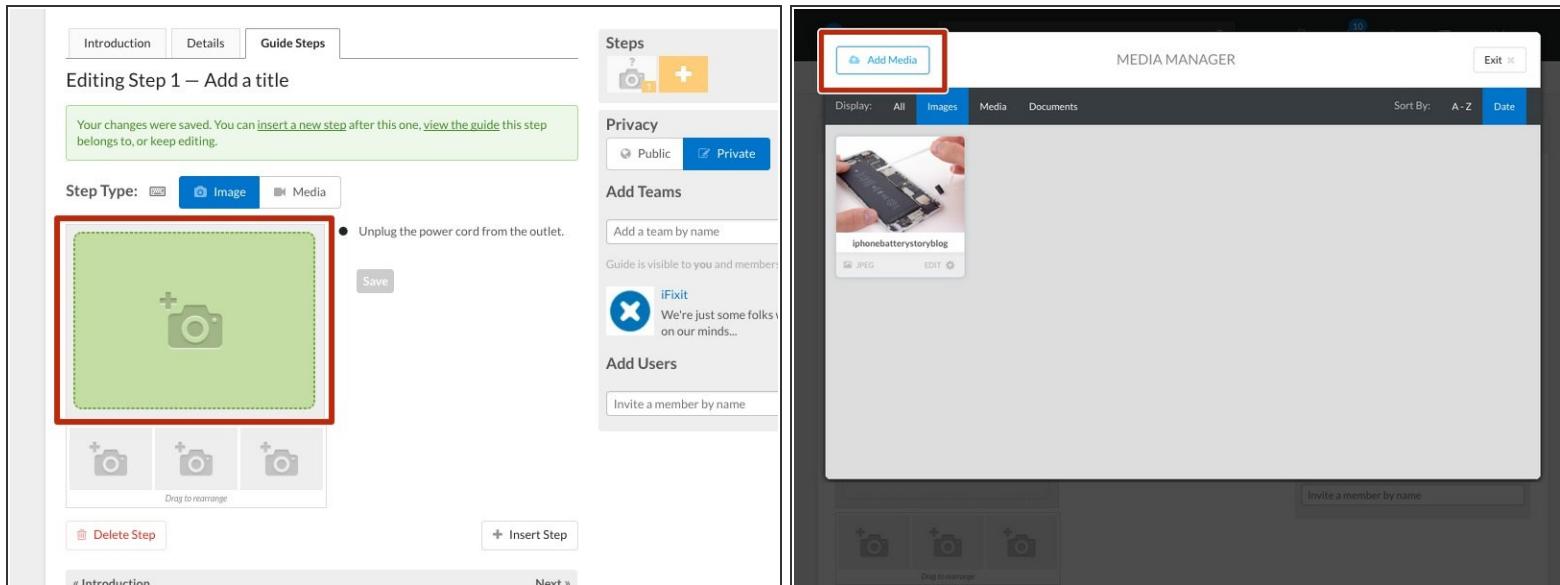
Guide is visible to you and members of:  iFixit We're just some folks with ~~re~~ on our minds...

Add Users Invite a member by name

Drag to rearrange

- Now sharpen your keyboard and get ready to write. In the text box to the right of the empty picture box, write the instructions for the first step of your repair.
- Once you're happy with your text, it's time for images!
- To add a new step, select the white plus sign in the yellow box at the top right of your screen. Then add text to your new step. Rinse and repeat for every step in your guide.

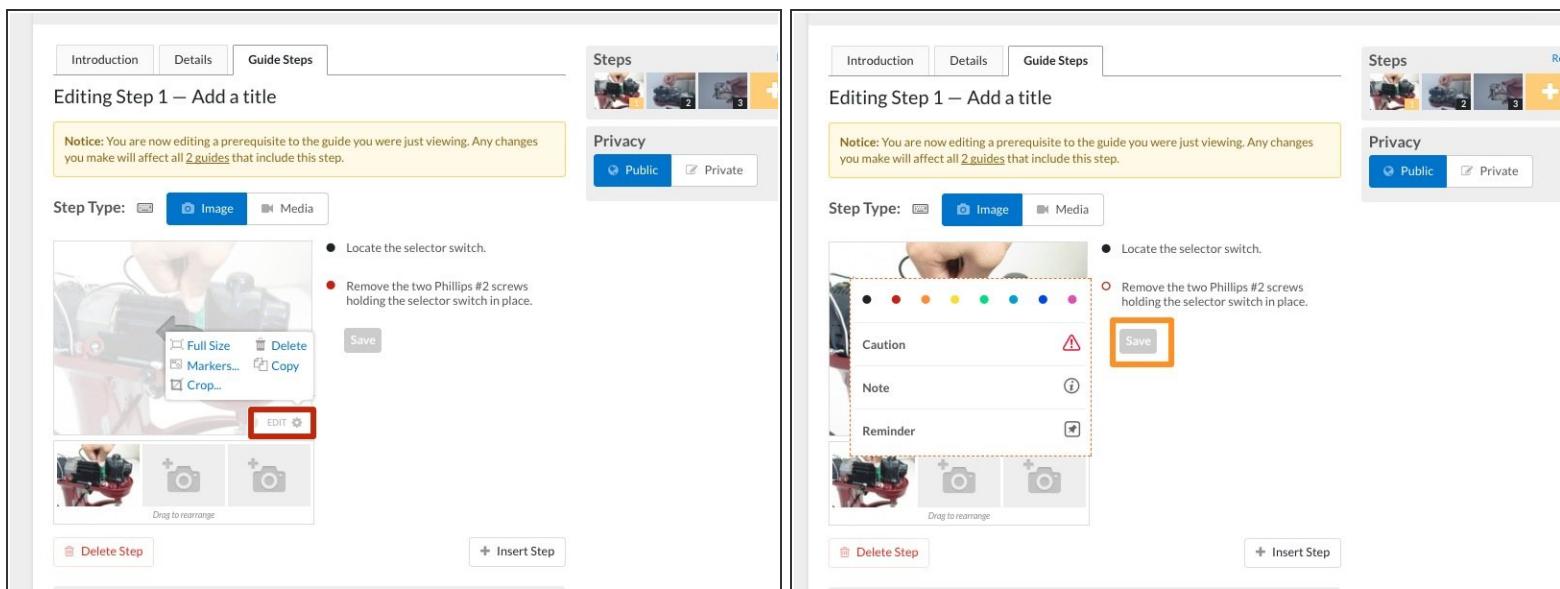
Step 9



The image consists of two side-by-side screenshots. The left screenshot shows a 'Guide Steps' tab selected in a guide editor. A camera icon in a photo box is highlighted with a red box. The right screenshot shows a 'MEDIA MANAGER' interface with an 'Add Media' button highlighted with a red box.

- Time to add all those pretty pictures you took. Click the camera icon in the photo box to open the Media Manager.
 - Once you're in the Media Manager, upload photo files from your computer by selecting **Add Media**.
 - Once your photo has uploaded, click on it to place it on the guide step.
- To rearrange the order of the photos, click and drag the photo to move it to the desired position on the image shelf.

Step 10



The image consists of two side-by-side screenshots of the iFixit guide editor interface. Both screenshots show the 'Guide Steps' tab selected. The left screenshot shows a step titled 'Editing Step 1 – Add a title'. It includes a note: 'Notice: You are now editing a prerequisite to the guide you were just viewing. Any changes you make will affect all 2 guides that include this step.' Below this is a 'Step Type' section with 'Image' selected. The main area shows a thumbnail of a person working on a device, with a red box highlighting the 'EDIT' button in the bottom right corner of the image. To the right of the image are two bullet points: 'Locate the selector switch.' and 'Remove the two Phillips #2 screws holding the selector switch in place.' Below the image are buttons for 'Full Size', 'Delete', 'Markers...', 'Copy', and 'Crop...'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right. The right screenshot shows the same interface after changes have been made. The 'EDIT' button is now highlighted with a red box. The 'Save' button is also highlighted with a red box. The rest of the interface remains the same, including the note, step type, and list of tasks.

- Photo editing tools can be found by clicking **Edit**, located at the bottom right corner of the image.
- If you'd like to highlight something specific in your image—like the location of small screws or connectors—select **Markup**.
- Pro Tip: You can change the color of the corresponding bullet by clicking on it. Color coding your bullets to match the pictures in a step makes it easier for readers to follow along. Plus, colors are fun.
- You know what else is fun? Adding **Caution**, **Note**, and **Reminder** bullets to your guides. The easier it is to follow your guide, the more people will use it. The more people that use it, the more devices we save from the landfill. So basically, we're relying on you to help us save the world. No pressure, tho.
- And **PLEASE** Don't forget to save your work! The world needs to see your guide.

Step 11

KitchenAid Professional 600 Repair

KitchenAid Professional 600 Power Cord Replacement

Written By: Luke (and 3 other contributors)

Comments: 2 Favorites: 0 Completions: 1

Difficulty: Moderate

Steps: 1

Time Required: Suggest a time

Sections: 4

Flags: 1

Tools: Buy these tools

Phillips #2 Screwdriver \$2.99 Buy

Parts: No parts required.

- If you're not happy with your guide (or you're a crazy perfectionist), you can always go back and edit. Just select **Edit** on the top right corner of the guide to re-open your work.
- That's it! That's everything you need to know to create a guide. Feel free to comment below with any questions. Thanks for contributing and happy fixing!

Thank you for your contribution!